



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT
JUNE 9, 2011**

Special Meeting	A community meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown was held in the community room of the South Fire District Station, Randolph Road on Thursday, June 9, 2011 at 7 p.m.
Present	Mayor Sebastian N. Giuliano, Council Members Ronald P. Klattenberg, Gerald E. Daley, Joseph E. Bibisi, Robert P. Santangelo, Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Deborah A. Kleckowski, David Bauer, and Daniel Drew; and Corporation Counsel William Howard; Sergeant-at-Arms Captain Howard, and Council Clerk Marie O. Norwood.
Absent	Council Members Thomas J. Serra, Philip J. Pessina, Hope P. Kasper, James B. Streeto, and Corporation Counsel William Howard
Also Present	Three members of the public
Meeting Called to Order	The Mayor calls the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. and leads the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Call of Meeting Read	The Call of Meeting was read and accepted. Mayor Giuliano declares the Call a Legal Call and the Meeting a Legal Meeting.
Public Comment Opens	<p>The Acting Chair opens public comment on items under the jurisdiction of the Common Council at 7:16 p.m. He asks if there are any members of the public wishing to speak to come forward at this time.</p> <p>Carl Lutecki has questions regarding his water and sewer bill; why is it if I use 100 cu ft of water and 50 cu ft is to the garden, why is he charged the same amount for the sewer if he didn't use the sewer. Councilman Bauer states they operate on the assumption all the water will go into the sewer system. When you shower, do dishes and laundry. For the large customers, let's say you have an extensive sprinkler system or do your pool, they will give you a separate meter, but generally it works out pretty close even if you are watering your garden. That is the best they can do. It would be almost impossible to measure the flow of the sewer. Mr. Lutecki states they give you a meter. Councilman Bauer responds if you will do something with a regular sprinkler or pool, you can get a separate meter and they will only charge you for water. Mr. Lutecki states he is still paying for 50 cu ft of sewer that I am not using because it goes in my garden or if he washes his cars on the lawn. I am paying for something I am not using. Councilman Bauer responds correct, but it is close. Mr. Lutecki states I thought it was separate meters. Councilman Bauer responds no.</p> <p>Mr. Lutecki states he has a city water meter; why does he pay every six months for it, \$20. Why can't I own it. Councilman Bauer states that is the overhead of the hookup; we have a fee schedule. It is like the user account like on the electric bill that is a set customer fee. It is not just for the physical meter, but the rest of the structure dedicated to you. Mr. Lutecki states don't you pay for it through the water rates. Councilman Bauer responds basically, it is based on connection. Mr. Lutecki states it is 5/8ths. Councilman Bauer responds that may be the smallest. Mr. Lutecki asks why the homeowner can't own it and when it craps out, you pay for a new one, instead of renting. Why do I keep paying for it. Councilman Bauer responds one of the things they voted on was a capital budget to change and update the meters so they are radio controlled so acquiring a meter reading will be easier. He will go back and ask what the customer fee is and if it is for the meter itself. I don't know what the meter costs. Mr. Lutecki states if the homeowner could own it, they would call the City and ask for a replacement, an approved City of Middletown meter and not be charged \$20 every six months or \$40 a year. He would like to know why. Councilman Klattenberg asks Councilman Bauer to let Mr. Lutecki know when the Water and Sewer meeting is held and he can attend and address the questions he has to the WPCA. Councilman Bauer states the meetings are held at Berlin Street, the first Thursday every month. He will ask the question.</p> <p>Salvatore Caracoglia states 3 years ago he was arrested for disorderly conduct and he was convicted for it and you have to be guilty. How you have to be guilty is to engage in an action or unlawful activity or engage with a fighting mode with the person you are engaged with this activity. He was arrested for putting up flyers on a kiosk owned by the downtown business district. The downtown business district manages and operates and employs people to remove the flyers from the kiosk and they have one person to look at five to remove unwanted or outdated announcements. He was victimized by this person, Mrs. Santangelo, by removing the flyers I posted. She bumped me.</p>

Point of Order

Councilman Drew states this has nothing to do with this body. Councilman Daley states we are not listening for æ hour and it is not our jurisdiction

The Chair states you will argue your conviction and how it was handled. You can challenge it at the Appellate Court and what the Council has jurisdiction over, the Council approves the downtown district budget.

Councilman Daley states we have heard it before. I am telling you the truth. Mr. Caracoglia states you stopped me and I have the right to make a complaint. Councilman Daley replies it is not in our jurisdiction.

Mr. Caracoglia states he does not condone the Democratic Chair lying.

Point of Order

Councilman Santangelo states this is out of order. The Chair states we have no control over a political party and if you are hear to seek remedy then tell us.

Mr. Caracoglia states some of you are corrupt. The Chair states it is not under the jurisdiction of the Council Mr. Caracoglia replies, yes because you control the Police Department. The Chair states we canit do anything. Mr. Caracoglia states he has proof; the Chair responds it should be presented to a court of law. Mr. Caracoglia states he has information including a police report that lied. The Chair responds what do you think the Council can do. Mr. Caracoglia states he wants you to know we have corrupted agencies in Middletown and we canit have police officers lie.

The Chair states write a letter to the editor about corruption. Mr. Caracoglia responds he wants to inform. . . The Chair states we canit act on your information. Mr. Caracoglia states why do we have this and you eliminated the audience. The Chair states the audience is the Council to hear from citizens so they may help and no one has the right to an electronic audience. Mr. Caracoglia states what is good for the goose is good for the geese. The Chair states because the Council televises meetings, not everyone has the right to be on TV. Mr. Caracoglia asks why; the Chair responds because there is no requirement to televise. Mr. Caracoglia states the Board of Education exposes themselves and this Council doesnit. He states four years ago, you tried to save \$600 a year and the idea came from Mrs. Norwood and Mr. Klattenberg incorporated it and now we spend \$4,000 for you and you have to pay the operators and what money were you saving and how can you make an outrageous solution when the problem doesnt exist. You are not in touch with the people for our complaints and that is not right and that is tyrannical government and the more that is covered up, the better it is for you.

Councilman Daley states, in my opinion you are the one out of touch with the community and they donit like you to obstruct the meeting. Mr. Caracoglia comments and Councilman Daley responds, by asking, I donit have the right to an opinion. Mr. Caracoglia states no, you represent me. And your opinion is valued more than mine. Councilman Daley states you can express your opinion and write a letter. The Chair states if you want to discuss the policy decisions that this comment should be televised, it is the Councilis decision and it can be discussed, but discussing a court decision that they have no control over or cannot take action on, he canit force them to listen.

Mr. Caracoglia states Mr. S is chair of the Police Commission; I canit go to the Police Commission. The Chair states you donit get a captive audience to tell a story that you want to tell. This meeting is to bring to the Council issues over which they have jurisdiction and can take action. The only subject you came up with is to televise the public comment; that is something they can do. Mr. Caracoglia asks if they can talk about City taxes. The only thing I can express on is things you put on the meeting 5 days before the meeting; what citizen has the knowledge for things on the City agenda without knowing anything about what is going on. Why is it 5 minutes not ten. When you speak in 5 minutes, who has the mind to be concise. This is wrong; this is a tyrannical government. We want the truth about the Board of Education and other agencies, but we have no right according to you people. You say I have the same opinion and I say I donit. Mr. Caracoglia states Mrs. Kleckowski didnit vote on the budget because she wasnit notified about the changes; is that right. We need transparency. He states last meeting, he went to the school and there was no notice. The Board of Education was the same night and they reschedule it to 5 p.m. when no one was there and then last month the Council changed its meeting from Middletown to the chamber. He states the janitor didnit know nothing because he thought it went back to city hall. Councilman Daley states that is unfortunate that it happened and proper notice was posted in the Town Clerkis office. Mr. Caracoglia states the police officer has some ethics; the Chief of Police has some ethics; the Chair of the Police has some ethics and politicians were involved to make me guilty of this thing and I wrote my brief and I wrote my oral argument and I should lose and I might have the chance the judicial system will try to cover up and if I lose, someone here in this room better be careful.

Point of Order

Councilman Drew states these are threats and impugning the officers. The Chair states the decision of the Court is outside our jurisdiction.

Councilman Daley asks what do you mean by careful, what is going to happen. Mr. Caracoglia responds if the shoe fits wear it.

Matt Donahue has questions on the East Hampton situation; what does it cost per day beside food. The Chair states it is about \$50 per day; it will be at the next meeting. It may be a little less, but it is close.

Public Comment Closes

The Chair asks if there are other members of the public wishing to speak; seeing no members of the public wishing to address the Council, he closes the public hearing at 7:43 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn

The Chair states he will entertain a motion to adjourn. Councilman Bauer moves to adjourn and his motion is seconded by Councilman Klattenberg. The Chair declares the meeting adjourned by unanimous vote, at 7:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

MARIE O. NORWOOD
Common Council Clerk